

House Bill 1589

By: Representative Jones of the 46<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Transportation Board, so as to change the terms of members of the board; to provide for a term for the chairperson of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Transportation Board, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 32-2-20, relating to the composition of the State Transportation Board, and inserting in its place the following:

"(b) Each member shall be elected to serve for a term of ~~five~~ two years and until his or her successor is duly elected and certified. The member of the board from each congressional district shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the House of Representatives and Senate whose respective districts are embraced or partly embraced within such congressional district, meeting in caucus at the regular session of the General Assembly immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of each such board member. Said caucus shall be called at the state capitol by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate within the first ten days of the convening of the General Assembly in regular session by mailing to the members of the General Assembly who are affected written notice at least four days before the caucus, which notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of said caucus. Within 15 days after each such election, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall jointly transmit a certificate of such election to the Secretary of State who, upon receipt thereof, shall immediately issue his or her commission thereon, with the great seal of the state affixed thereto."

**SECTION 2.**

Said article is further amended by striking subsection (d) of Code Section 32-2-20, relating to the composition of the State Transportation Board, and inserting in its place the following:

"(d) The board shall, by majority vote of those members present and voting at regular sessions, elect from their number a ~~chairman~~ chairperson and ~~vice-chairman~~ vice chairperson who shall serve ~~at the pleasure of the board~~ for a term of two years. In like manner, the board shall also elect a secretary, who need not necessarily be a member of the board, and who shall ~~also~~ serve at the pleasure of the board."

**SECTION 3.**

(a) This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2007, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) If an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia authorizing changing the number of years in the term of a member of the State Transportation Board is not ratified at the general election in 2006, this Act shall be repealed in its entirety on January 1, 2007.

**SECTION 4.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.